



# SYNOPSIS

Senate Bills and Joint Resolutions  
2016 Maryland General Assembly Session

**March 3, 2016**  
**Schedule 35**

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## **SENATE BILLS INTRODUCED March 3, 2016**

### **SB 1144 Senator Guzzone**

**CIGARETTE RESTITUTION FUND – ESTABLISHMENT OF  
BEHAVIORAL HEALTH TREATMENT ACCOUNT AND FUNDING FOR  
SUBSTANCE USE TREATMENT SERVICES**

Requiring the Cigarette Restitution Fund to include a separate account to be used for substance use treatment, with priority given to residential treatment services, recovery support housing, and specified crisis response services, and for rate adjustments for specified agencies or programs; requiring specified distributions from the account to be used to supplement and not supplant specified other funds; prohibiting more than \$10,000,000 from being appropriated from the account in any fiscal year; etc.

**EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016**

SF, § 7-317 - amended

Assigned to: Senate Rules

### **SB 1145 Senator Middleton**

**UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE – MAXIMUM BENEFIT – INCREASE**

Increasing the maximum weekly unemployment insurance benefit amount; providing for the application of the Act; and making specified provisions of the Act subject to a specified contingency.

**VARIOUS EFFECTIVE DATES**

LE, § 8-803 - amended

Assigned to: Senate Rules

### **Department of Legislative Services**

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**SB 1146 Senator McFadden****EDUCATION – STATE GRANT TO COUNTIES WITH DECLINING STUDENT ENROLLMENT**

Altering the criteria for a county board of education to be eligible for a specified State grant for fiscal years 2015 through 2018; requiring specified county boards of education to receive specified grants under specified circumstances; declaring the intent of the General Assembly that the Governor transfer funds to a county board in a specified fiscal year under specified circumstances; etc. This bill requires a mandated appropriation in the annual budget bill.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2016

ED, § 5-202(i) - amended

Assigned to: Senate Rules

**SB 1147 Senators Waugh and Miller****CREATION OF A STATE DEBT – ST. MARY’S COUNTY – HISTORIC SOTTERLEY PLANTATION**

Authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed \$100,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Trustees of the Historic Sotterley, Inc. for specified development or improvement purposes related to the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, and capital equipping of the Sotterley Plantation, located in St. Mary’s County; providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds, subject to a requirement that the grantee provide and expend a matching fund; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2016

Assigned to: Senate Rules

**SB 1148 Senator Muse****NATALIE M. LAPRADE MEDICAL CANNABIS COMMISSION – MEDICAL CANNABIS GROWER LICENSES – MAXIMUM**

Increasing from 15 to 25 the maximum number of medical cannabis grower licenses that the Natalie M. LaPrade Medical Cannabis Commission may issue before June 1, 2018.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

HG, § 13-3306(a)(2) - amended

Assigned to: Senate Rules

**SENATE BILL REASSIGNED March 2, 2016****SB 1081 Senator Eckardt**

MENTAL HEALTH – VOLUNTARY AND INVOLUNTARY  
ADMISSIONS – CERTIFICATION BY PSYCHIATRIC NURSE  
PRACTITIONERS

Defining “psychiatric nurse practitioner” for purposes of specified provisions of law relating to the voluntary and involuntary admissions of individuals to specified facilities for the treatment of mental disorders; prohibiting a certificate signed by a psychiatric nurse practitioner for the involuntary admission of an individual to specified facilities for the treatment of a mental disorder from being used for an admission under specified circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

HG, §§ 10-601, 10-616, and 10-619 - amended

Reassigned to: Finance